

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (New) A container for blending food product comprising:

a vessel having an upper opening through which food product is chargeable into the vessel,

a lid for closing the upper opening, the lid being fitted over the opening and secured by a clip or a sealing action,

blending means for blending food product in the container, the blending means including impeller means mounted on the lid for rotation relative thereto and for location within the container, the blending means further being drivably connectable to drive means external to the container, the impeller means being united with the lid during use, and

the container being arranged to be engaged by securing means for securing the vessel in an inverted position with the lid lowermost during blending, wherein the container vessel is nestable with other container vessels by a lower, narrower end of the vessel being locatable into the upper opening of another vessel.

34. (New) A container according to claim 33, wherein contents of the container are able to be heated by heating means when in a blending position.

35. (New) A container according to claim 33, wherein the container is arranged to be releasably located between a container support on which the vessel is supported in an inverted position during blending and a securing member engageable with the vessel.

36. (New) A container according to claim 33, wherein the lid includes access means arranged to permit access to the food product in the vessel when the lid and vessel are in an assembled condition.

37. (New) A container according to claim 36, wherein the access means is an opening through the lid, the opening being closed during blending.

38. (New) A container according to claim 33, wherein the impeller means is mounted for rotation relative to the lid by location through an opening in the lid as a push fit, and wherein the impeller is secured in the opening by integral clip.

39. (New) A container according to claim 38, wherein the impeller means includes shaft means forming a bearing surface against the walls of the opening, the shaft means being integral with impeller blades of the impeller means.

40. (New) A container according to claim 33, wherein the impeller means is of one piece plastics construction.

41. (New) A container lid comprising blending means including an impeller arranged to be rotatable relative to the lid and having impeller blades adjacent to and projecting from one side of the lid so that, when assembled with a container and inverted, the impeller blades are rotatable within the container to which the lid is fitted at the lower

end thereof, the impeller being located on the lid through an opening in the lid as a push fit through said opening and being secured in the opening by an integral clip.

42. (New) A container lid according to claim 41, wherein the impeller is of one piece plastics construction.

43. (New) A container means according to claim 41, wherein the impeller includes a shaft forming an outer bearing surface against walls of the opening into which it is located.

44. (New) A blending apparatus for blending food product comprising a vessel and a lid for the vessel, the lid being clipped or sealed onto the vessel, the lid housing blending means including an impeller extending into the vessel in use and being rotatable relative to the lid, drive means for driving the impeller, mounting means for supporting the vessel during blending with the lid lowermost, and securing means arranged to engage downwards onto the vessel.

45. (New) A blending apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the vessel is invertably mountable on the mounting means during a blending operation, the blending means extending upwards into the body of the vessel, and the securing means restraining movement of the container from a blending position.

46. (New) A blending apparatus according to claim 44, comprising a jug into which the vessel is located during a blending operation, wherein the vessel is secured on the mounting means during blending.

47. (New) A blending apparatus for blending food products comprising a vessel having an upper opening through which food product is chargeable into the vessel, a lid for closing the upper opening, blending means for blending food product in the container, drive means for driving the blending means during blending, and an adapter separate from the vessel for interconnecting the blending means and the drive means, the adapter including a coupling drivingly engageable at one end with the blending means, and at the opposite end with the drive means, the blending means including an impeller mounted on the lid for rotation relative thereto and for location within the container, the impeller means being united with the lid during use, and the vessel being nestable with other vessels before assembly with the lid.
48. (New) A blending apparatus according to claim 47, comprising mounting means including the drive means, the adapter being arranged to fit at one end onto the mounting means, and, at the other end, the adapter being arranged to receive said vessel in an inverted position with the lid lowermost.